

# Virgin Islands State Workforce Development Board Meeting

<b>Date:7/15/2021</b>	<b>BOARD MINUTES</b>
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Location: Via Zoom

	MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
1	Brendan Anzalone	X		
2	Mario Austin		X	
3	Racquel Berry-Benjamin, Commissioner, DOE			X
4	Wayne Biggs		X	
5	Oriel Blake	X		
6	Ricky Brown		X	
7	Albert Bryan, Jr., Governor, USVI			X
8	Nancy Callwood			X
9	Michael Carty	X		
10	Kimberley Causey-Gomez, Commissioner, DHS			X
11	Peter Chapman			X
12	Asiah Clendinen Gumbs			X
13	Sharia Green		X	
14	Michael Hand	X		
15	Leon Hughes	X		
16	Javan James, Senator, 34 <sup>th</sup> Legislature		X	
17	Natalie Knight		X	
18	Shirley Lake-King			X
19	Flamon Lewis		X	
20	Gary Molloy, Commissioner, VIDOL	X		
21	Suzanne Darrow Magras	X		
22	Keith O'Neale, Jr.		X	
23	Sheryl Parris	X		
24	Samuel Rey		X	
25	Tracey Sanders	X		
26	Moleto Smith	X		
27	Nancy Torres	X		

	ATTENDEES
1	Sonia Boyce, Executive Director, VISWDB
2	Sana Joseph-Smith, Governor's Policy Advisor on Workforce Development and Education Aminah
3	Aminah Saleem, Chief of Staff, Representing Board Member Peter Chapman

## MEETING MINUTES

**Call to order**, Michael Carty, Executive Director

**The meeting was declared informal since there was no quorum.**

10 Present  
9 Absent  
7 Excused

**Welcome & Introductions**, Michael Carty, Chairman

**Chairman's Report:** Michael Carty

### Action Item 1.

**There was no quorum, so the minutes were tabled.**

### Action Item 2.

**Board members present were able to question the following service providers regarding their proposed programs:**

- A. Renewals:
  - 1. Community Action Now
  - 2. St. Croix Career & Technical Center
  - 3. Netwave
  - 4. UVI-CELL
  - 5. Raphael O. Wheatley Skill Center
  
- B. New:
  - 1. Life Skills Training Center, LLC
  - 2. Abdul R. Ali Consulting Service
  - 3. Business Strategies, Inc.

**At the Chairman's request, online voting was created so members could vote at their convenience, and for continuous flow of the Board's services to the community.**

**Voting results of the ballots cast:**

Community Action Now:	17 Y	1 Abstain
St. Croix Career & Technical Center:	18 Y	0 Abstain
Netwave:	18 Y	0 Abstain
UVI-CELL:	16 Y	2 Abstain
Raphael O. Wheatley Skill Center:	18 Y	0 Abstain
Life Skills Training Center, LLC:	18 Y	1 Abstain
Abdul R. Ali Consulting Services:	18 Y	1 Abstain
Business Strategies, Inc.:	17 Y	2 Abstain

**Action Item 3.**

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**Board Policy for Consideration:**

1. Board Policies:
  - Rapid Response Activities, Layoff Aversion Assistance
  - WIOA Title 1 Priority of Service
  - One Stop Certification and Recertification
  - Technology Use and Virtual Service Delivery Requirements
  - Board Monitoring Policy
  - WIOA Title 1 Transitional Jobs

**Voting results of the ballots cast:**

Rapid Response Activities, Layoff Aversion Assistance:	15 Y	0 Abstain
WIOA Title 1 Priority of Service:	16 Y	1 Abstain
One Stop Certification and Recertification:	18 Y	0 Abstain
Technology Use and Virtual Service Delivery Requirements:	18 Y	0 Abstain
Board Monitoring Policy:	18 Y	0 Abstain
WIOA Title 1 Transitional Jobs:	14 Y	4 Abstain

The rest of the agenda was tabled to the next meeting.

Next meeting date: At the call of the Chair.

The meeting was adjournment at 12:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Boyce  
Executive Director